[Translation]

Monitoring Cell on Public Distribution System/RPDS

1092. PROF. OM PAL SINGH 'NIDAR' :
SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY :
SHRI SHYAM LAL BANSHIWAL :
SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH :
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute a monitoring cell soon to make the Public Distribution System/Revamped Public Distribution System more effective in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (c) There is no proposal to set up a separate monitoring cell for Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS). However, it must be mentioned that Government of India had prescribed formats prepared by NIC for monitoring the PDS. With the launching of TPDS these formats had been modified. The States/UTs are required to furnish the information in these formats to the Central Government every month. For effective monitoring of PDS these formats have been so devised as to monitor the actual issue of PDS commodities from the Fair Price Shops.

[English]

Non-Government Organisations

1093. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of welfare schemes under which various Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) are extended financial assistance;

(b) the criteria of selecting the NGOs for such financial assistance;

(c) the total number of applications received from the NGOs belonging to North-Eastern states during the last three years and actual number of NGOs to whom financial assistance has been extended; and

(d) the reasons for rejecting proposals from various NGOs of North-Eastern Region specially Assam during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) The particulars of Welfare Schemes under which various Non-Governmental Organisations are extended financial assistance is given in the attached *Statement*.

(b) The criteria of selecting the NGOs for financial assistance is laid down in the guidelines for the various Welfare Schemes.

(c) A total of 307 proposals were received from the NGOs belonging to North Eastern States out of which financial assistance was extended to 166 organisations.

(d) The proposals not is conformity with the conditions prescribed for financial assistance under various Welfare Schemes, are rejected.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Scheme
1	2
1.	Aids to Voluntary Organisations for Welfare of SCs.
2.	Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for ST girls.
3.	Aid to Voluntary Organisations for Welfare of STs.
4.	Pre-Examination Coaching for Weaker Sections.
5.	Shishu Greh Scheme.
6.	Grant in aid to Organisations for Welfare of Disabled.
7.	Grant in aid to Organisations for rehabilitation of Leprosy Cured Persons.
8.	Grant in aid to Organisations for establishment and development of Special Schools.
9.	Grant in aid to Organisations for development of manpower in the field of mental retardation and cerebral palsy.

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10.	Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Programmes relating to Welfare of the Aged.
11.	Scheme of Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Voluntary Organisations for Construction of Old Age Home.
12.	Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for providing Social Defence Services.
13.	Scheme for Welfare of Street Children.
14.	Scheme for Prohibition and Drug Abuse Prevention.

I.M.P. Farmers Field School

1094. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific steps have been taken in the district of Indore in Madhya Pradesh under 'Integrated Pest Management Farmers Field School Schemes';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have undertaken any repraisal of the National Programme on IPM;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Central Sector Scheme "Central Integrated Pest Management Centres" is being implemented under which a Central IPM Centre is functioning at Indore, Madhya Pradesh. Indore Centre is Promoting Integrated Pest Management through Farmers' Field Schools.

This centre is engaged in monitoring pest and disease situation for advising timely control measures. In addition, the Centre is engaged in mass production, field releases and conservation of biocontrol agents in Indore districts. Four Farmers' Field Schools have been established in four villages. In addition, a Season Long Training in Gram/ Tur has been organised during 17.12.96 to 15.1.1997 at Indore. During 1997-98, 24 Farmers Field Schools are being established by the Indore Centre.

(c) and (d) Although no systematic appraisal of the programme has been undertaken, sample studies and assessment indicate that the IPM programme is very cost-effective and eco-friendly. The farmers are very receptive and responsive to its adoption.

(e) Question does not arise.

Corruption Charges Against IPS Officers

1095. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IPS officers booked under various charges such as corruption, nexus with criminals and other unlawful activities during 1995-96 and 1996-97 up to June 30, 1997, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the number out of them against whom action has been taken so far;

(c) the reasons for not taking action against the left out officers; and

(d) the details of action likely to be taken against the left-out officers in 1997-98 and also to check growing corruption amidst bureaucracy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shrimp Culture

1096. SHRI L. RAMANA :
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any acqua farms along the Western and Eastern coast have been demolished consequent upon the order of the Supreme Court regarding coastal regulation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any coastal States have made any representation regarding acqua farms situated along the West and Eastern coastal belts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?